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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO KING HUSSEIN--MOROCCAN AID

REF: STATE 036399, AMMAN 0797

1. I DELIVERED YOUR MESSAGE TO KING HUSSEIN ON THE  
SUBJECT OF ASSISTANCE TO MOROCCO FEBRUARY 14.

2. HE READ THE MESSAGE WITH CARE AND SAID HE WAS VERY  
PLEASED WITH THE POSITIVE NATURE OF THE RESPONSE. HE  
ASKED ME ABOUT ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE F-5 TRANSFER  
AND I TOLD HIM I EXPECTED THEY WOULD BE COMING SHORTLY  
(THEY HAVE JUST BEEN RECEIVED)

3. THE KING SAID THEN THAT HE HAD THE RECOILLESS RIFLES  
READY TO GO, BUT HE DID WANT TO COORDINATE WITH THE  
IRANIAN GOVERNMENT. I TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD OF COURSE  
HAVE TO OBTAIN ASSURANCE FROM MOROCCOL AND INFORM THE  
CONGRESS BEFORE ANYTHING COULD BE SHIPPED. HE REPLIED  
THAT BEFORE ANYTHING BEGAN TO MOVE HE WOULD LIKE ALSO TO  
MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THE PARTIES UNDERSTOOD EXACTLY  
WHAT WAS HAPPENING. HE SAID HE DID NOT SEE HOW THE  
IRANIAN TRANSFERS COULD BE KEPT SECRET IF THE UNITED  
STATES HAD TO INFORM THE CONGRESS, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT  
SEEM TO CONCERNED ABOUT THE ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM.

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4. HE ASKED IF WE WERE GOING TO BE IN TOUCH WITH MOROCCO ON THE QUESTION OF REPLACEMENTS. I SAID I THOUGHT I WOULD BE RECEIVING FURTHER INFORMATION ON THAT ASPECTS OF THE SUBJECT ALSO. FINALLY HE ASKED THAT WHAT WE WERE TELLING HIM ALSO BE SHARED WITH TEHRAN. AGAIN I TOLD HIM I WAS SURE THAT AMBASSADOR HELMS WAS BEING GIVEN EXECTLY THE SAME INFORMATION THAT I HAD RECEIVED AND THAT WE WERE ALSO PROVIDING THE INFORMATION TO OUR AMBASSADOR IN RABAT SO THAT THE PROCESS OF COORDINATION COULD BE SIMPLIFIED.

5. KING INDICATED THAT IN ADDITION TO RECOILESS RIFLES HE WAS ALSO PREPARED TO PROVIDE TWO MILLION ROUNDS OF 7.62 MM (NATO) AMMUNITION. HE SAID WHEN HE HAD RECEIVED THE ORIGINAL MOROCCAN LIST, HE WAS NOT AWARE THAT HIS OWN FORCES USED THIS AMMUNITION BUT APPARENTLY THE LIGHT WEAPONS IN SOME OF HIS BRITISH ARMORED VEHICLES DO REQUIRE THE SIZE AMMUNITION AND HE FEELS HE CAN SPARE IT. SINCE HE SAID IT IS NOT OF US ORIGIN HE WILL NOT BE ASKING US FOR PERMISSION TO MAKE THE TRANSFER. HE TALKED A LITTLE ABOUT THE ACTUAL MODALITIES OF TRANSFER, INDICATING THAT HE WOULD PROBABLY PLAN TO FLY ALL OF THE F-5A'S TO MOROCCO AND WOULD WANT AT LEAST SOME TECHNICAL ADVICE FROM US ON WHERE LANDINGS COULD BE MADE. THE HEAVIER EQUIPMENT HE THOUGHT WOULD BE MOVED BY SEA TO MOROCCO.

6. WHILE I WAS WAITING TO SEE THE KING AT HIS RESIDENCE I WAS JOINED IN HIS STUDY BY MY IRANIAN COLLEAGUE. HE HAD JUST BEEN ON A TRIP TO TEHRAN. ACCORDING TO WHAT HE TOLD ME THE SHAH IS APPARENTLY NOT TERRIBLY EAGER TO MOVE IN THE DIRECTION OF SUPPORTING A DISTANT ARAB STATE AND PARTICULARLY NOT ANXIOUS TO DO SO DIRECTLY. THE IRANIAN DID NOT SEEM FAMILIAR WITH THE DETAILS OF WHAT WAS BEING PROVIDED BY IRAN OR JORDAN TO MOROCCO ALTHOUGH HE WENT TO TEHRAN FOR THE PURPOSE OF COORDINATING IRANIAN AND JORDANIAN MOVES. HE ALSO DID NOT SEEM TOO SURE OF HOW THE POLITICAL SITUATION IN NORTH AFRICA EVOLVED. I SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WANT TO ASK KING HUSSEIN FURTHER ABOUT THE DETAILS OF THE ARMS ARRANGEMENTS AND DID NOT

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FILL HIM IN FURTHER. HE ALSO TOLD ME HE WAS UNABLE TO TOUCH BASE AT A VERY HIGH LEVEL IN TEHRAN DURING HIS TRIP.

7. COMMENT: ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS AND POSSIBLY CONTRARY TO KING'S INFORMATION CITED PARA FIVE ABOVE WE HAVE FURNISHED SOME 7.62 MM AMMUNITION TO JORDAN UNDER BOTH MAP AND FMS. (ALTHOUGH GOJ COULD HAVE ACQUIRED AMMO FROM

UK OR OTHER NATO COUNTRIES) I WILL POINT THIS OUT  
TO GOJ AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT GOJ SEEKS  
US PERMISSION FOR TRANSFER IF AMMUNITION IN QUESTION  
WAS IN FACT FURNISHED BY USG.  
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